

# **Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting**

**(Tuesday,) May 27, 2003 at 1:30 P.M.**

(With corrections approved 06-09-2003 in parenthesis and bold)

- Item No. 1      Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni  
Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:30 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni	County Judge
Jerry Vasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner, Pct. 2
Felix Velasquez	Commissioner, Pct. 3
David Cortez	Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 23 of May 2003. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2      Roll Call – Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk

- Item No. 3      Invocation – Cmr. Felix Velasquez

- Item No. 4      Pledge of Allegiance – Cmr. Jerry Vasquez

- Item No. 5      Approval of minutes

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve minutes as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 6      Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve reports as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 7      Communications

Cmr. Vasquez stated that he had submitted an item to be placed on the agenda in regards to the Rural Rail Transportation District. He stated that item was placed on draft agenda but not on official one. He stated that this has happened to him several times and wanted to know if it was legal to pull an item that a commissioner wanted placed on the agenda. Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, apologized to Cmr. Vasquez but stated that item was pulled because Court members needed to be properly informed about item and additional information was needed. Judge Bruni stated that if a member of the Court wanted an item to be placed on the agenda and if it was legal, it would be placed on the agenda. Mr. Casso stated that this has happened not only to items brought forth by Cmr. Vasquez but by other commissioners and that he wants to make sure that the item is ready for court approval. Cmr. Vasquez stated that it was commendable that Mr. Casso would want to streamline agenda but would like for the Court decide the legality of the items. Cmr. Velasquez inquired as to whether Cost Containment Committee had met due they had been appointed at previous meeting. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that this could be addressed during next item. Cmr. Cortez stated that he shared the concerns addressed by Cmr. Vasquez and that the same thing has happened to him on other occasions but Mr. Casso advised him when this happened. Judge Bruni thanked Mr. Jesus Cantu, County Veterans Services Officer, for the presentation done on Monday in observance of Memorial Day. He also stated that he has received reports of traffic problems on Penita Molina and that he would be working on alleviating these problems. He also stated that he has spoken with state representatives in regards to the upcoming state budget cuts and how this would affect Webb County. He stated that Webb County could stand to lose \$55 to \$70 million within the next two years. He stated that five to eight thousand County residents would lose their Medicaid/CHIP coverage and an additional five thousand would lose their prescription coverage. He stated that the County has three choices to work through these budget cuts: 1) cut services, 2) raise taxes,

or 3) look for new long-term revenue sources. He stated that the obvious choice for long-term revenue would be a fifth bridge. He stated that this would not bring in immediate relief but would be available for future needs. He stated that he received information from the City of Laredo that they are not interested in purchasing the environmental tests and studies done by Webb County or share the revenues. He stated that he would now support the bridge project 100%.

Item No. 8      Public Comment

Mr. Arturo Dominguez, Tex-Mex Railway Company, was present to address the Court in regards to Item No. 34. He stated that in addition to the land included in the present earnest money contract, Tex-Mex would be including additional land with conveyance. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, advised Court that further discussion take place once item has been called up.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to move up Item No. 34 and No. 24. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34      Discussion and possible action to amend the earnest Money Contract with the Tex- Mex Railway Company to include additional property at no additional cost to Webb County and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property]

Cmr. Velasquez inquired as to whether purchase of building would be as is or are the provisions in regards to the alleged asbestos contamination. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that there are provisions in the contract that allow for problem such as these to be addressed and corrected or as a reason to terminate the contract. He recommended that a study and survey be done. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that there is a remedy for the alleged contaminants.

Item No. 24      Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Engineer and the Purchasing Agent to obtain the professional services required to perform Phase I & Phase II of the

Environmental site assessment plus an asbestos survey of the Tex Mex Rail Road property located at the intersection of Convent Ave. & Washington St. (Lots 1,2,3, &4 Block 197, Western Division) not to exceed \$10,000. [Account No. 001-0109-6022 Professional Services]

Cmr. Cortez recommended that a site assessment and survey be done for the peace of mind of the Court and the public. Mr. Tomas Rodriguez, Engineering Department, stated that cost for this study would be kept at a minimum and would take approximately 30-60 days to complete. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that if Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, have someone in mind for this study and survey, they can be included in the motion. Mr. Rodriguez stated that they would recommend Drasch Engineering.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to have Drasch Engineering perform a site assessment and survey. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 8      Public Comment

Dr. Hector Farias, chairman of VIDA, commended the Veterans Services Officer, Mr. Jesus Cantu, for a great presentation on Memorial Day. He stated that VIDA is recommending that the Court pay Tex-Mex the \$1,500 in earnest money before any more monies are ill spent on this deal. He stated that it is imperative that the Court place seed money for the Rural Rail Transportation District. He stated that this is one of the biggest economic endeavors that have been brought to Webb County. He also stated that VIDA was against hiring any out-of-town attorneys for the Delinquent Tax Collection. He stated that there are local attorneys capable to taking on this important job. He stated that VIDA has done an assessment of the Sheriff's department and has found that over **(\$26,000)** are missing from the Inmate Fund. He stated that numerous lawsuits have been filed against the Sheriff's department. Mr. Farias also stated inmate meals that were provided by the County are now being provided by Bethany House.

Item No. 19      Discussion and possible action to appoint a Scoring Committee as a prerequisite to awarding the Webb County

Delinquent Tax Collection Contract and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve Item No. 19. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Motion failed 2-3 with Cmr. Vasquez, Cmr. Gutierrez and Cmr. Velasquez voting against.

Item No. 9      Discussion and possible action to select Delinquent Tax Collection Attorney.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to hire the Law Firm of Tijerina, Morales, Cavazos-Ramirez and Montemayor for 3 years with a 2-year option. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, inquired as to time frame stated in Request for Proposals published. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that no time frame was published. Mr. Garza-Gongora, prior Delinquent Tax Collection Attorney, also had a 3-year contract with 2-one year options, which were approved simultaneously.

Motion carried 3-0 with Cmr. Cortez and Judge Bruni abstaining.

5-minute Recess

Judge Bruni advised those present that only those items with a time constraint would be heard today due Cmr. Vasquez and Cmr. Gutierrez needed to leave for Coahuila this afternoon.

Item No. 10      Discussion and possible action to authorize a resolution for the submission of a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its 2003 Youthbuild Program. This 30-month program will assist disadvantaged young adults and at-risk dropout youths in Webb County in completing their High School Education (GED), and by providing on-site construction training and the opportunity to acquire employable skills in the construction trade and subsequent job placement. Grant amount not to exceed \$400,000 with County in-kind services not to exceed

\$100,000 [Housing & Urban Development computer donation program, Webb County Auditor's office, and Webb County Attorney's Office] and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Judge Bruni motioned to table item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent to table Item No. 10.

- Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action to pass a resolution in support of the development of an agreement between Maverick and Webb County, the cities of Laredo and Eagle Pass, the State of Texas, Texas Department of Transportation, and the United States Government for the upgrading of roadways common to all, namely: El Indio Road, Texas Farm to Market Road 1021, the Old Mines Road, and the Great Border Waterway known as the Rio Bravo or the Rio Grande.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 12 Discussion and possible action for a resolution supporting Senate Bill 1902 for the creation of a Rio Grande River Authority.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to approve lease agreement between Webb County and Vapor International with regards to a 37-acre tract at La Presa.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion for discussion.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, requested that the Court table this matter. He stated that he has met with Mr. Ward from Vapor International and that there are some concerns with the present agreement. Mr. William Ward stated that Vapor International is willing to adjust the lease accordingly but that they need the lease agreement as soon as possible to begin applying for permits and grants. Mr. Ramirez stated that there are problems in regards as to what the County will get in exchange for these 37-acres. Judge Bruni stated that he would give Mr. Ramirez and Mr. Ward until Monday to work out an agreement and present it at a special meeting that he will call for Monday. Cmr. Vasquez stated that he understood Mr. Ward's concerns but that the Court needs to look out for the best interest of its citizens and needs to address Mr. Ramirez's concerns. Cmr. Cortez stated that this was a big project that would bring jobs and money to Webb County and believes that 48 hours should be enough of an agreement. Mr. Ward stated that he would appreciate any efforts to expedite the approval of this lease agreement and that Vapor International would be willing to pay a lease according to fair market value and address any environmental concerns. Mr. Ramirez stated that he had concerns as to what exactly the County would receive from this agreement and that only what was on the lease could be enforced.

Judge Bruni motioned to set a Special Meeting for Monday, June 2, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that sufficient time should be spent to listen to the concerns of Mr. Ramirez so that any problems can be addressed for the benefit of the taxpayers. Mr. Ward stated that he understood but that the agreement on the agenda today was only for a lease of the land. He stated that without the lease, he would be unable to start the process for permits and financial documents. Mr. Ramirez stated that he is for the project but that his duty is to draw up a document with the County's best interest in mind. He stated that the court can take his recommendation or not but that it is his job as an Elected Official, Public Officer and County Attorney to look out for legalities and that he believes that the fair market value of this property should be appraised if it hasn't been already. He stated that he also has concerns regarding future revenue stream, facility and technology to be used. Cmr. Vasquez stated that subsidizing a business for the benefit of a private party or corporation would be detrimental to taxpayers. He stated that if this was a \$200 million dollar contract, why is the County only

receiving \$1 per year for the time of the lease. Cmr. Cortez stated that the County has joined hands with the private sector on other projects and that this project will bring many benefits to Webb County. He stated that other counties and cities would be willing to jump at this project and that every effort should be made to expedite this agreement.

Motion carried 3-2 with Cmr. Vasquez and Cmr. Velasquez voting against to set a special meeting for Monday, June 2, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Item No. 14 Appointment of a member to the Cost Containment Committee.

Cmr. Vasquez stated that he would be appointing Mr. Roberto Laurel to the Cost Containment Committee.

Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #2 to the C.G. Construction contract (TCDP# 720889) Bruni Community Center by adding ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY FIVE CENTS (\$1,529.25) for the installation of electrical connection for new range at kitchen, kitchen hood, wall opening for hood vent, and a new 24" X 36" fix window at library room. [Account No. 696-6108-8801 Capital Outlay – Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action on the approval of a resolution to support the preservation of public transit funding.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.



- Item No. 17 Discussion and possible action to enter a re-negotiated equipment lease agreement with John Deere Credit in the amount of SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) per month at thirty-six (36) months, for mowing and maintenance equipment at the golf course and the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. The re-negotiation results in a savings of THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$3,912.00) to budgeted Account No. 001-6001- 6096 Lease Purchase Principal. Requesting this and any other savings to this account as determined by the Webb County Auditor

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to defer item. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action on a \$25,000 budget increase for Account No. 001- 6001-8801 (Capital Outlay - Golf Course). [Funding is from the sale of the Golf Course Tract]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 20 Discussion and possible action to amend the Webb County Policy and Procedures Manual to prohibit raising funds for any political candidate on Webb County property and any other matters incident thereto.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to defer item. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 21 Request for staff to prepare status report on the Webb County Youth Village for June 9, 2003 Commissioners Court Meeting

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion for discussion.

Cmr. Cortez stated that he wants the scoring committee to meet and prepare a report to be presented to Commissioners Court at the next meeting. He stated that this project needs to move forward. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that he advised committee not to meet and that he would discuss his reasoning in Executive Session.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to move up Item No. 35. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent to move up Item No. 35.

- Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action regarding the bid process for the Youth Village Project and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that a pre-bid submission meeting could not be made mandatory. He stated that statute or law must imply conditions not stated in law. He stated that a mandatory pre-bid conference is only to give information, not as a prerequisite to submit a bid and in his opinion is contrary to law. He stated that any bidder stating that he did not submit a bid because they did not attend meeting could file a lawsuit. He recommended that the court deny all bids and re-bid the proposal. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that the RFQ (Request for Proposals) was prepared by the committee and only after 7-10 proposers were qualified did this issue come up. He stated that areas of the RFQ were clarified at the pre-bid meeting and that he could continue to evaluate the proposals or start over. Cmr. Cortez inquired as to whether a notice could be posted in the newspaper allowing any proposers who did not submit a bid due they did not attend the pre-bid meeting to submit a bid by a certain date. Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, stated that the danger in doing that would be that any proposer who did not participate for any reason could issue a lawsuit against the County. He stated that it was up to the Court if they wanted to take that risk and continue or lessen the risk and re-issue RFQ's. Mr. Eloy Ramirez

stated that the County has never hired a Construction Manager at Risk. Mr. Frank Rotnofsky of Frank Architects stated that as per their contract, they are unable to work under the Design/Build method as architectural plan has already been developed. Cmr. Velasquez stated that he has not received any updates and is concerned about the different methodologies available and wanted a detailed report on the advantages and disadvantages of each methodology. He stated that the Court has to approve a method of utilization with the blessing of the Committee. Judge Bruni stated that item would be placed on agenda for special meeting on Monday. Mr. Jerry Perez stated that the committee for the Youth Village Project chose the Construction Manager at Risk method. Judge Jesus Garza, chairman of the Youth Village Project, stated that the five delivery methods were brought before the Court in January and that the Construction Manager at Risk was chosen based on the committee's recommendation. He stated that he disagrees with the County Attorney and that is why item is before the Court to make a determination. Judge Garza allowed Frank Architects to explain the Construction Manager at Risk (CM@ Risk) method. Mr. Perez stated that the CM@ Risk method allows for the CM to be brought into the process much earlier than the competitive sealed bids or the sealed bids. Mr. Tomas Rodriguez recommended that the Court defer and that he would bring additional informational on the different delivery methods at the next meeting. Judge Garza stated that report would be presented on June 9, 2003. Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Purchasing Agent, stated that he place item on next agenda to accept or reject current bids as well as an item to re-bid out proposal if necessary. Judge Garza stated that he saw no reasonable basis to reject the proposals as this would only delay the project.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to defer until the next meeting. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent to defer item.

- Item No. 22 Request for staff to develop public policy recommendations and/or procedures for the uniform establishment of scoring committees for the awarding of Webb County Contracts for services and capital improvements projects, and for procedures and criteria for the appointment and selection of "Scoring Members".

- Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order #2 to the Neighborhood Housing Services of Dimmit County, Inc. contract (Penitas West Community Park) by adding NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$19,824.00) for the installation of a septic tank and drainage field. The \$19,824.00 will be from grant funds (TCDP# 721859) with no cost to the County.

Comr. Cortez motioned to defer Items No. 22 and No. 23. Comr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 58. Comr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent to move up Item No. 58.

- Item No. 58 Discussion and possible action to award/reject proposal No. 2003-10 in-mate and coin telephone service to Alexander Payphone Communications, Inc. for the Webb County Law Enforcement Center. [Account No. 001-2060-3727 Telephone Commissions]

Comr. Cortez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to approve request for refunds as recommended by the Tax Assessor-Collector as follows:  
1) Transamerica Real Estate Tax Service  
Reason: Overpayment on Taxes for 1997, 1999 & 2001  
Total Refund: \$2,095.32

Comr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Comr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to move up Item No. 40. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 40 Discussion and possible action authorizing the transfer of the Road & Bridge Department Fund No. 010 as follows:

FROM:

Account No. 7001-5601 (Administrative Travel)	\$1,500.00
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TO:

Account No. 7001-6001 (Office Supplies)	\$1,500.00
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FROM:

Account No. 7002-6201 (Utilities)	\$3,000.00
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Account No. 7002-6014 (Equipment Rental)	\$2,000.00
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Account No. 7002-6011 (Training & Education)	\$3,000.00
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TOTAL: \$8,000.00

TO:

Account No. 7002-6224 (Tools & apparatus)	\$8,000.00
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Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 51. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 51 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Honorable Annette Munoz, Constable Precinct 3, to obtain the cellular services for ONE THOUSAND (1,000) minutes from the County's cellular provider. [Account No. 001-0109-6004-2 Cellular Phones]

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment with Sames Motors wherein Sames Motors will agree to lease one (1) "Remote Sticker Printing system (RSPS) Dealer Title Application (DTA) Equipment" from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, at an annual cost of \$600.00 a year for a total cost of \$1,200 over the lease term and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account No. 001-0700-6014 Equipment Rental (Requested by Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector)]
- Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment with Paul Young company wherein Paul Young will agree to lease one (1) "Remote Sticker Printing System (RSPS) Dealer Title Application (DTA) Equipment" from the State of Texas, through the Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector, at an annual cost of \$600.00 a year and authorizing the Webb County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account No. 001-0700-6014 Equipment Rental (Requested by Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector)]
- Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to enter into a contract amendment number one with the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Transportation – Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, to lease two (2) Remote Sticker Printing system (RSPS) Dealer Title Application (DTA) equipment at an annual cost of TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,200.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account No. 001-0700-6014 Equipment Rental (Requested by Webb County Tax Assessor-Collector)]
- Item No. 30 Discussion and possible action to exercise an option to extend three (3) property lease agreements with the City of Laredo concerning the Tantangelo Head Start Center, the Jesus Garcia Head Start Center, and the Villa Alegre Head Start Center for an additional two years (2003-2005) ending on May 31, 2005, at the monthly rates of FIVE HUNDRED AND

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$525.00), FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$575.00), and SIX HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.00) respectively for a total cost of FORTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$41,400.00) over the term of the lease extensions. [Account No. 903-4207-6012 Rent (Requested by Webb County Head Start)]

Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to enter into a (3) year (June 1, 2003 through May 31, 2006) Licensing Agreement with Autophone of Laredo, Inc. to provide an antenna site on the Mirando Tower at a monthly rate of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$325.00) for a total cost of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$11,700.00) and authorizing the County judge to sign all relevant documents. [Account No. 001-2001-6025 Radio Tower Lease (Requested by Sheriff's Department)]

Item No. 32 Discussion and possible action to enter into an interlocal agreement with Laredo Independent School District (L.I.S.D.) for a Justice of the Peace Juvenile Coordinator in J.P. Court Precinct 2, Place 2 in the amount of \$3,373.14 which represents Webb County's share of the salary of a Coordinator working forty-six (46) school calendar days (April 28, 2003 through June 30, 2003) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents. [Account No. 001-1045-6022 Professional Services. (Requested by Justice of the Peace Precinct 2, Place 2)]

Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$2,800.00 as follows:

FROM:

Account No.	Amount
001-1101-6402 (Repair & Maintenance of Equipment)	\$500.00
001-1101-6014 (Equipment Rental)	\$1,000.00
001-1101-6028 (Witness Expenditures)	\$1,300.00
	TOTAL: \$2,800.00

TO:

Account No.	Amount
001-1101-6403 (Repair & Maintenance of Vehicles)	\$500.00
001-1101-6010 (Books & Subscriptions)	\$1,300.00
001-1101-6205 (Material & Supplies)	\$1,000.00
TOTAL: \$2,800.00	

- Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to amend the earnest Money Contract with the Tex- Mex Railway Company to include additional property at no additional cost to Webb County and any matters incident thereto. [Closed Session may be requested pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve Item No. 27, No. 28, No. 29, No. 30, No. 31, No. 32, No. 33 and No. 34 as submitted with a contract amendment on No. 34. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$3,000.00 from Account No. 001-1100-6011 (Training and Education) to Account No. 001-1100-6007 (Dues and Memberships).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action approving the budget amendment to the Texas Water Development Board - EDAP Contract No. GO 11800; 11900; 1491/1492 (Webb County's project in Rio Bravo and El Cenizo).

- Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action authorizing the County engineer to acquire a Storm Drainage easement on Lot #3 Block #10, Colonia San Carlos I, from Mr. Sam Alexander at an approximate cost of \$1,500. [Account No. 686-7101-6022 Professional Services Right of Way Acquisitions]



Item No. 39 Discussion and possible action authorizing the County Engineer to acquire a storm drainage easement on the west side of Pintas Adami South Road off of culvert approximately 0.5 miles south of Hwy 44 at an approximate cost of \$1,500. [Account No. 010-7001-6732 Right of Way Acquisition]

Item No. 41 Discussion and possible action authorizing the transfer of the Utilities Department Fund 801 as follows:

FROM:

Account No. 3001-6407 (Repair & Maintenance Shop) \$3,000.00

TO:

Account No. 3001-6205 (Material & Supply) \$1,000.00

Account No. 3001-6402 (Repair & Maintenance Equip.) \$1,000.00

Account No. 3001-6403 (Repair & Maintenance Vehicle) \$600.00

Account No. 3001-6703 (Landfill Fees) \$400.00

TOTAL: \$3,000.00

FROM:

Account No. 3003-6048 (Licenses & Permit) \$500.00

Account No. 3003-6204 (Fuel & Lubricants) \$200.00

TOTAL: \$700.00

TO:

Account No. 3003-6205 (Material & Supply) \$500.00

Account No. 3003-6401 (Repair & Maintenance Bldg.) \$200.00

TOTAL: \$700.00

FROM:

Account No. 3004-6048 (Licenses & Permit) \$1,000.00

TO:

Account No. 3004-6402 (Repair & Maint. Equipment) \$1,000.00

Item No. 42 Discussion and possible action accepting the reconstruction of a portion of Eagle Pass Road located 19.1 miles northwest of the intersection of FM 255 (Laredo Columbia Bridge) and FM 1472 (Mines Rd.) from FARCO Mining and authorizing the

County Engineer to provide the specifications for the road to restore it to its original condition.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve Item No. 37, No. 38, No. 39, No. 41 and No. 42 as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 47 Discussion and possible action to approve two (2) resolutions authorizing the Juvenile Department to submit grant applications to the Criminal Justice Division and authorizing the County Judge, the County Auditor, and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer to execute all forms relevant to the following grants:

- 1) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JAIBG) \$31,805.00 with match funds of \$ 3,534.00
- 2) Purchase of Juvenile Services Grant \$11,823.00 with match funds of \$10,177.00

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 48 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # **(271)**, Assistant Public Defender, in the amount of \$51,673.00 per year. [Account No. 001-1102-5001 Payroll]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action to approve the Head Start Supplemental Application for fiscal year 2003-2004 (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) for a grand total of \$184,768.00 as follows:

Cost of Living	\$110,860.00
Enhancing Teachers Salary	\$18,477.00
Other Quality Improvements	\$18,477.00

In-Kind	\$36,954.00
TOTAL: \$184,768.00	

- Item No. 44 Discussion and possible action to approve the Head Start One Time fund application for Fiscal Year 2003-2004 (September 1, 2003 through August 31, 2004) for a grand total of \$283,750.00 as follows:

Priority 1-Playground Equipment	\$80,000.00
Priority II-Playground Surfacing Tiles	\$125,000.00
Priority III - Classroom computers	\$22,000.00
In-Kind	\$56,750.00
TOTAL \$283,750.00	

- Item No. 45 Discussion and possible action to extend the length of employment of slot # 1113 Bus Driver Supervisor (full-time) at \$10.47 per hour from 10 months to 11 months. [Account No. 903-4208-5001 Payroll]

- Item No. 46 Discussion and possible action to adopt summer hours effective June 2 through July 25, 2003 as follows:  
Monday through Thursday  
8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon  
12:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. (36 Hours)  
Friday  
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon (4 Hours)

Cmr. Cortez motioned to approve Item No. 43, No. 44, No. 45 and No. 46 as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

- Item No. 59 Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$225.00 from Account No. 001-6101-6402 (Repairs & Maintenance - Equipment) to Account No. 001-6101-6403 (Repair & Maintenance - Vehicles).

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Judge Bruni advised Court that items not acted on would be placed on next agenda.

Item No. 62 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn meeting. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

The following items were not acted upon and as per Judge Bruni, will be placed on next agenda.

- Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to fill slot # 1849 (Center-Aide), Part-time at \$8.25 per hour effective June 2, 2003. [Account No. 920-4200-5001 Payroll – Community Service Block Grant]
- Item No. 49 Discussion and possible action to award/reject Bid Number 2003-36 Intercom System for the Webb County Law Enforcement Center. [Account No. 624-8000- 8601-3 Construction in Progress]
- Item No. 50 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase seven (7) carriers model T3603/600000-P in the amount of \$10,343.00 from Mortech Manufacturing Company for the Temporary Morgue. [Account No. 676-8101-8601 Construction in Progress]
- Item No. 52 Discussion and possible action authorize the Purchasing Agent to solicit for Architectural Services for the Justice Center improvements [Account No. 687-0117- 6022 Professional Services (Requested by the Engineering Department)].
- Item No. 53 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase three (3) sections of 300 LM Safe Deposit

Boxes from Diebold in the amount of \$7,743.00 for the Law Enforcement Center. [Account No. 624-8000-8601-3 Construction in Progress]

- Item No. 54 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase educational materials from Lakeshore Learning Materials in the amount of \$6,880.00 for the Head Start Program. [Account No. 903-4207-7037 Contractual]
- Item No. 55 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to purchase educational materials from Educational Products Inc. in the amount of \$5,778.49 for the Head Start Program. [Account No. 903-4207-6069 Class Room Supplies]
- Item No. 56 Discussion and possible action to award/reject Bid No. 2003-35 "One (64' X 56") Sq. Ft. portable building for the Head Start Program. [Account No. 903-4207-6012 Space Rental]
- Item No. 57 Discussion and possible action to authorize the Purchasing Agent to include the Webb County Community Restitution Treatment Center to Webb County's telephone switch system - Mitel Phone System. [Account 001-0109-6004-1 - Telephone Maintenance]
- Item No. 60 Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution to proclaim June 2003 as "Safety & Health Month".
- Item No. 61 Discussion and possible action to approve a line item transfer in the amount of \$700.00 from Account No. 001-0105-5601(Administrative Travel) to Account No. 001- 0105-6011(Training & Education).